

Appl. No. 10/807,081
Reply to Office Action of August 11, 2005

Attorney Docket No. 2003-0627 / 24061.528
Customer No. 42717

REMARKS

Claims 19, 26 and 29 have been canceled, and Claims 30-32 have been added. Claims 1, 9 and 15 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors, but without any change to the intended scope thereof. Claims 1-18, 20-25, 27-28 and 30-32 are presented for examination. Applicants have previously paid filing fees in an amount sufficient to cover all of the claims that are now pending, and thus no additional filing fee is due in association with the submission of this Amendment.

Election Requirement

In response to the election requirement presented in the Office Action, Applicants elect Species I (the embodiment of Figures 1-8). Claims 1-14 are readable on the elected species, and Claims 1-14 are all generic claims.

Claims 15-18, 20-25, 27-28 and 30-32 do not read on the elected species and are not generic. These claims all read on the non-elected species (Figures 1-6 and 9-11). However, it should be noted that Claims 30-32 depend from generic independent Claim 1, and if Claim 1 is allowed, Claims 30-32 will be entitled to examination on the merits. In that event, since the Examiner will be considering claims to the non-elected species, Applicants respectfully request that Claims 15-18, 20-25 and 27-28 also be considered on the merits.

Conclusion

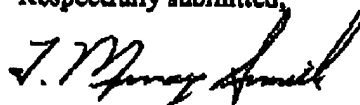
In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

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Although Applicants believe that no fee is due in association with the filing of this Response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-1394 of Haynes and Boone LLP.

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